

Negative Declaration

Draft Negative Declaration

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority) has reviewed the proposed project described below to determine whether it could have a significant effect on the environment as a result of project completion. “Significant effect on the environment” means a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

Name of Project: Delta-Mendota Canal / California Aqueduct Intertie

Project File Number: To be assigned by State Clearinghouse

Project Description: The proposed action is to construct and operate an underground pipeline connection—or *intertie*—between the Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) and the California Aqueduct. Components of the intertie include a 450-cfs pumping plant, a plant switchyard, and buried steel pipes. The intertie includes realigning an existing O&M road and installing aboveground transmission lines, which would be powered by the Tracy switchyard, approximately 4.5 miles to the north.

Project Location: The proposed action is located in an unincorporated area of eastern Alameda County, west of the city of Tracy, at milepost 7.2 of the DMC connecting to milepost 9.1 of the California Aqueduct.

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Findings

No significant impacts will occur as a result of the project based on the following:

- Average CVP deliveries (based on a 73-year average from 1922 – 1994) would result in less than a 1 percent increase.
- The project description includes measures to address project-related impacts on environmental resources. These measures include an erosion and sediment control plan; storm water pollution prevention plan; compliance with California Building Standards Code; and specific measures for wildlife and vegetation, air quality, noise and cultural resources.

Public Review Period

Before the end of the review period specified in the cover letter, any person may:

- (1) Review the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND); and
- (2) Submit written comments regarding the information, analysis, and mitigation measures in the Draft MND to the contact person above.

Name: Tom Boardman

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Signed:

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Adopted on: _____